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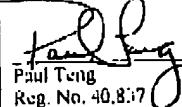
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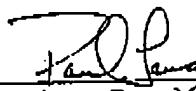
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Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute group I. Claims readable on group I include pending claims 1-19, 22-25, 27-31, 34 and 35.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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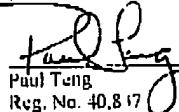
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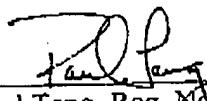
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